



**January
2022**

The Shorelines

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Managers Message: Welcome 2022- On behalf of the entire city staff we hope you had a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. As we head into this new year, we are preparing for some of our regular events as well as planning some of the long-awaited infrastructure projects. Our staff has begun the planning stages for the Easter Celebration, 4th of July, and the Boo-Fest. You can find the dates for these events on your Village Calendar, which was hand delivered this year to each home. We would highly recommend that you refer to the calendar throughout the year to stay abreast of meetings, events, and schedules (particularly changes in refuse and recycling pickup).

A couple of the long-awaited infrastructure projects include replacing the nearly 100-year-old water main of Lake Shore Road. This project will extend the entire length of Lake Shore Road. The second project is the complete replacement of Oxford Road, which includes new water main and sewers. Both these projects have been on the drawing board for many years. We anticipate receiving bids and bonding out for the funds in early spring, with construction beginning in early summer. Unfortunately, we must qualify any anticipated schedules with pandemic and supply chain concerns, which also includes contractor availability, which has the potential to delay the projects. We will keep you updated as we move forward.

Finally, I want to encourage every resident to get involved in helping to make the city the best in the area. Whether that involvement is through attending meetings, volunteering to help at events, working with the beautification volunteers, contributing to the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation or directly to the city for one of our many needs or projects. These are all ways that we can become unified in one goal – making Grosse Pointe Shores the #1 community in Michigan. Thank you in advance and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me through email or by calling the administrative offices.

Steve Poloni

City Manager

**Winter Tax Bills were recently mailed and are payable without penalty through
February 15, 2022 (With 2/15/22 Post Office Postmark)
Delinquent taxes will be turned over to the county 3/01/22**



JANUARY HAPPENINGS

1 **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

1:00 PM Weather Siren Test

4 Request/plans for 1/25 Planning Commission Meeting must be submitted by this date

10 7:00 PM Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation Meeting

11 7:30 AM Tree Board Meeting

10:00 AM Finance Meeting

4:00 PM Parks Committee Meeting

17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (offices open)

18 7:00 PM Council Meeting

20 Water bills due

25 9:00 AM Planning Commission Meeting



Water Bills were recently mailed out and are due January 20th.

For up to date village information please visit the Grosse Pointe Shores website,
www.gpshoresmi.gov



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Firearms Safety 101 With Kids In The Home

Any responsible gun owner should know that safety is the number one priority of being a responsible gun owner. This should especially be true in a home where children are present or where children visit. While many families own guns and thankfully never have any problem, thousands of children are injured every single year in accidental shootings in their homes or in the homes of close friends and family. The American Academy of Pediatrics takes the stance that the only way to keep kids safe from guns in the home is not to own guns at all. Of course, that isn't realistic, and families own guns for a variety of reasons such as protection and hunting. Statistics suggest that 1/3 of US children live in a home with at least one gun. Many families with kids own guns with no issues yet there are hundreds of gun accidents in the home every year.

Any Gun Must Be Stored Safely

This should go without saying but gun accidents involving kids almost happen because an adult left a loaded weapon where a child could reach it. The weapon also happened to have accessible ammo. This is considered neglect and 100% preventable. No Matter what, you must store any gun you own safely and securely. **With young children, a gun safe is a must.** Be sure the safe you have can only be open with a code or a key that your kids, children, or teenagers don't have access to it. Here is how to store your gun safely.

1. Always store your guns locked with safety on and unloaded.
2. Store ammo in a separate locked container other than the gun.
3. If you don't have a gun safe, store your gun and ammo in an arena out of reach.
4. Don't tell your children or teens where the ammo is being stored.

Gun owners should talk to their kids about gun safety from a young age. When you own guns, you may want to hide the fact from your young kids, but that isn't what you should do. It should be known that you're a family of gun owners and that they are present in the home. Make it clear that they aren't allowed to touch your guns ever and that if they ever see it out, they shouldn't touch it and get you or another adult immediately. Be open and honest over the damage and harm that guns can do. Owning guns is up to each family but hey really should make the effort to do everything they can to protect their kids.

Kenneth V. Werenski
Director of Public Safety

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

BEST PRACTICES FOR SNOW AND ICE

SMART WINTER SALTING



Shovel

– Clear walkways and other areas before the snow turns to ice. The more snow you remove manually, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it will be.



Amount

—if you use salt, scatter it so that there is space between the grains. Hard to believe, but a coffee mug of salt is enough to treat an entire 20 foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares. A little bit goes a long way



Below 15 degrees

– Salt won't work, so switch to sand for traction or try a different ice melter

Snow throwing—When clearing driveways and sidewalks snow is to be pushed onto grassy areas and not into the street. Doing so is actually illegal under the Michigan Vehicle Code as it creates a safety issue.

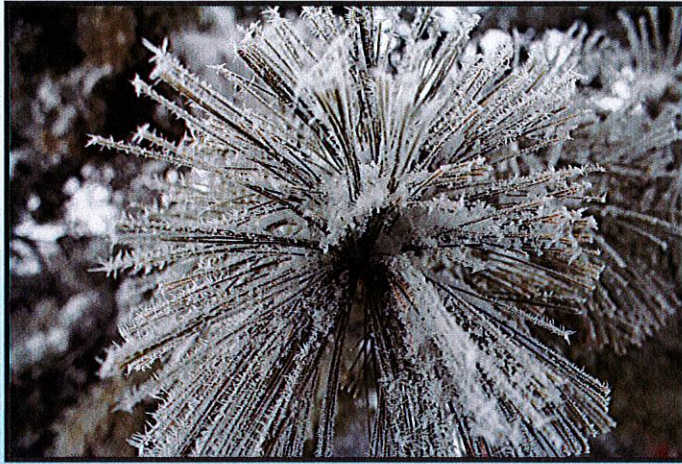


SAFE SHOVELING

Bend your knees and lift with your legs when shoveling to avoid injury.



PARKS & RECREATION



OSIUS PARK
WINTER
HOURS
7:00AM–
7:00PM



Did you renew your boat well for next year?
Boat well deposits were due December 15th. If you haven't turned in your deposit, please do asap so we know if you are returning, as we have a long list of residents waiting for wells.

Remaining Balances will be due by February 15, 2022

Dogs are allowed in the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Park through April 1st on a Leash.

Must Present a park pass to gate attendant

**Weather permitting Vernier Hill & Ice Rink
will be open for sledding**



**Weekdays 3PM–Dusk &
Weekends 10AM–Dusk**

GPS Telephone Directory

City Administration: 881-6565
Department of Public Safety: 881-5500
Department of Public Works: 886-0020
Municipal Park Gate: 884-7018
Court Office: 881-5503
Pool Office: 884-2305



Emergencies Only: Call or Text 911
TDD Unit 343-0666 (for the hearing impaired)

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Monday—Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

DPW: Monday—Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Public Safety: Open 24 Hours

Watch our monthly Council Meeting on our
website gpshoresmi.gov